

(c) whether the A & N Administration intends to get their genuineness tested from any Forensic Science Laboratory to find out for certain that these Licences are not counterfeit or fake Licences?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir. However, the said Regulation now stands Land Revenue and Land Reforms Regulation, 1966, and Rules framed thereunder, the Sub-Divisional Officer (Assistant Commissioner) is also empowered to sign the licences for allotment of house sites on behalf of the Chief Commissioner (now Lieutenant Governor).

(b) and (c). No such fake licences have come to the notice of the Andaman & Nicobar Administration. It has also been pointed out by the Andaman and Nicobar Administration that the old records of Port Blair Municipal Area were prepared in Urdu in 1926. Earlier Patwaris used to issue copies of land records in Urdu and English also after translation which was not considered as licences. Patwaris are authorised to issue copies of entries of land records under the provisions of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Land Revenue and Land Regulation, 1996 and Rules framed thereunder.

[Translation]

Sugar Mills

3239. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Simbhaoli Sugar Mill in Ghaziabad District recently ordered to be closed was operating without any environmental clearance;

(b) if so, the action taken or being taken against the guilty officials and the management of the mill;

(c) the details of sugar mills which are still working without proper environmental clearance in the country particularly, in Uttar Pradesh, and

(d) the action proposed to be taken by the Government against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir, the unit was operating without a valid consent from the regulatory agency. The Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board has issued a closure order against the industry under Section 33 (A) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974. The Central Government has also taken action against the industry by issuing closure order under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

(c) According to the Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board, a total of 116 sugar mills are situated in Uttar

Pradesh. All sugar mills have installed Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) and 104 have installed Emission Control System (ECS). There are 12 industries which do not have a proper Emission Control System. The State Board has issued consent to operate to 44 sugar industries under the Water Act, 1974 and consent to operate to 42 sugar industries under the Air Act, 1981. The consent applications for the rest of the sugar mills are either under consideration or have been refused by the State Pollution Control Board due to improper operations of ETP or ECS.

(d) Necessary directions have already been issued to all the defaulting sugar mills to get the environmental clearance/consents before the next crushing season after proper repairing and maintenance of their ETP and ECS, etc.

[English]

Adulteration in Chemicals Fertilizers

3240. SHRI JAGATVIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the racket in Kanpur, U.P. regarding adulteration in chemical fertilizers by the private traders and manufacturers dealing in the chemical fertilizers;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Central and State Governments in this regard; and

(c) the steps being taken for maintaining purity of the chemical fertilizers?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) During checking on 6.7.96, a case of packing of fake fertilizer was detected in Kanpur Dehat.

(b) State Government have lodged F.I.R. against the culprits under Section 3/7 of Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (ECA) and other relevant sections of I.P.C. The material and tools etc. have been taken into police custody. The matter is now subjudice and is under investigation.

(c) State Government of U.P. have taken the following actions under the provision of Fertiliser (Control) Order, 1985 and ECA, 1955 for keeping purity of chemical fertilisers :

(i) Strict vigil on fertiliser trade by fertiliser inspectors from manufacturing level to retail sale points covering remote areas.

(ii) Regular and statewide special raids on fertiliser trade ensuring hundred per cent checking of stocks and taking spot action against the offenders

- (iii) Drawing samples from suspected stocks and its speedy analysis.
- (iv) Speedy punitive actions against the traders who indulge in selling non-standard fertilizers and other illegal activities pertaining to fertilizers.

[Translation]

Railway under Bridge

3241. SHRI HARIVANSH SAHAI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the date on which Satyagrah, agitation and demonstrations were held by the people for construction of railway under bridge between Pivkol and Salempur on Bhatni Varanasi rail line.

(b) the reasons for non-construction of the said bridge so far even after the repeated assurances of the railway officials;

(c) whether the road constructed by the State Government parallel to the Salempur-Bhatni rail line is lying unused in absence of the said bridge; and

(d) whether the Government propose to construct the said bridge at the earliest in the public interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (d). There has not been any agitation for construction of Railway Under Bridge between Pivkol and Salempur. State Govt. has not proposed construction of under bridge, which can be constructed on 'Deposit' terms. Non availability of facility to cross Railway Tracks has affected utility of the road.

[English]

Fire in Forests

3242. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA' : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the felling leaves of pine trees are put to fire every year in hilly region of Uttar Pradesh thereby causing immense damage of natural vegetation and wildlife;

(b) if so, the number of times the forests having pine trees were put to fire during the last three years;

(c) the action taken by the Government against the guilty persons; and

(d) the measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to save the flora and fauna of the region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Bomb Blast in Bansgoan

3243. SHRI RAMSAGAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons killed/injured in bomb in Bansgoan in Uttar Pradesh on March 3, 1996 while attending a public meeting;

(b) the number of persons arrested and the action taken against them; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Plantation in Hilly Regions

3244. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA' : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any scheme is being undertaken in the mountain ranges particularly in hills of Uttar Pradesh under which trees are being planted at the slope of terrace-like trenches on mountains with a view to accumulate rain water in those trenches and increase water sources throughout the year and also to ensure proper afforestation there;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether the Government propose to introduce such scheme in these hilly areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) to (c). Seven Projects have been sanctioned under the Integrated Afforestation and Eco-Development Projects Scheme (IAEPS) in the Hills of Uttar Pradesh in the districts of Uttarkashi, Tehri, Dehradun, Nainital, Garhwal and Almorah with a total outlay of Rs. 21.71 crores. Details of financial achievements are given in the Statement attached. These Projects are for afforestation and soil and moisture conservation works in degraded forest lands. The nature of measures adopted in each project are based upon local conditions by the implementing agencies.